IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

ODELL EDWARDS, Individually	§	
and as the Father of JORDAN	§	
EDWARDS, and on BEHALF OF	§	
MINORS, V.A. and K.E. and as	§	
Representative of the Estate of	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-CV-1208-M
JORDAN EDWARDS, DECEASED	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
VS.	§	
	§	
ROY OLIVER AND THE CITY OF	§	
BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS,	§	
PARTICULARLY THE BALCH	§	
SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT,	§	
Defendants.	§	
	§	

<u>DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FAITH JOHNSON'S</u> <u>SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO INTERVENE, MOTION FOR STAY,</u> MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Intervenor Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson ("DA Johnson"), in her official capacity, and files this Supplemental Motion to Intervene pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a). Should this Court grant the Motion to Intervene, DA Johnson also files a supplemental motion for stay of all discovery in the instant suit and a supplemental motion for protective order prohibiting the dissemination of sensitive investigative materials and, in the alternative, prohibiting the deposition of any fact witnesses to the events material to this suit. In support, DA Johnson shows this Court as follows.

DA Johnson files this supplement to her Motion to Intervene, Motion for Stay, and Motion for Protective Order to apprise the Court that a Dallas County Grand Jury issued an indictment on July 17, 2017, charging Defendant Roy Oliver with murder for the shooting death of Jordan Edwards. (Supp. App. 1). DA Johnson requests that this Court take judicial notice of the issuance of the indictment, as a fact that is not subject to reasonable dispute because it can be accurately and readily determined from publically available judicial records whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned. FED. R. EVID. 201(b)(2).

DA Johnson re-urges her arguments made in her motions previously filed with the Court (ECF No. 24). The issuance of an indictment, formally initiating criminal prosecution against Defendant Roy Oliver for the death of Jordan Edwards, underscores the importance of granting DA Johnson's motion to intervene as well as the stay of all civil discovery in the civil case. Not only does DA Johnson have an interest relating to the events underlying the civil suit, but allowing civil discovery to proceed also would, as a practical matter, impair and impede the subsequent prosecution of Defendant Oliver. Tex. R. Fed. P. 24(a).

It is for these same reasons that DA Johnson seeks a stay of all discovery until the prosecution of Defendant Oliver is complete. Allowing Defendant Oliver to conduct depositions of state witnesses in the instant action or to subpoena the production of documents, to which he is not entitled in the criminal action, accrues an unfair advantage to Defendant Oliver and would substantially and irreparably prejudice the District Attorney's Office and the public interest in law enforcement. Additionally, allowing civil

discovery to proceed could compromise the testimony of the witnesses to be called in the criminal prosecution.

Finally, DA Johnson respectfully re-urges this Court to enter an order limiting the parties' use of any evidence to this civil action and prohibiting dissemination of all discovery or evidence obtained in this case to any other parties, including Defendant Oliver's criminal counsel.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson respectfully requests that this court grant her motion to intervene and stay all discovery in the instant suit until after the criminal prosecution in *The State of Texas v. Edward Oliver*, Cause No. F17-18595 is complete. DA Johnson also requests that this Court enter an order of protection: (1) limiting the parties' use of evidence to this civil action and (2) prohibiting the dissemination of any information or evidence to persons other than the parties in this case, including Defendant Oliver's criminal defense attorney, except as necessary to complete the criminal prosecution and until further order of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify the following:

First Assistant District Attorney Michael Snipes conferred with Joe Tooley, attorney for the Defendant City of Balch Springs, on June 7, 2017, and Defendant City of Balch Springs is <u>not opposed</u> to the relief requested. Counsel confirmed on July 18, 2017, via email with Tammy Ardolf, that there has been no change to the City's position.

Assistant District Attorney Andrew Chatham conferred with William Krueger, counsel for Defendant Edward Oliver, on June 8, 2017 and Defendant Edward Oliver is opposed to the relief requested. Counsel confirmed on July 18, 2017, via email with Tammy Ardolf, that there has been no change to the Defendant Oliver's position.

First Assistant District Attorney Michael Snipes conferred with Daryl Washington, counsel for Plaintiff Odell Edwards, on June 8, 2017 and Plaintiff Odell Edwards is <u>opposed</u> to the relief requested.

Assistant District Attorney Andrew Chatham conferred with Reginald McKamie, counsel for Intervenor Shaunkeyia Keyon Stephens, on June 8, 2017 and Intervenor Shaunkeyia Keyon Stephens is opposed to the relief requested.

Undersigned counsel sent an email to all parties on July 18, 2017, conferring with the parties regarding the filing of this document. No parties other than counsel for Defendant City of Balch Springs and Defendant Edward Oliver responded. It is, therefore, assumed for purposes of this certificate of conference that all parties who intervened after the filing of DA Johnson's Motion to Intervene, Motion for Stay and Motion for Protective Order are opposed to the relief requested.

/s/ Tammy J. Ardolf
TAMMY J. ARDOLF

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the Rule 5(b)(2)(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and

Local Rule 5.1(d), I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing

instrument has been electronically served upon all parties.

Dated:

July 19, 2017

/s/ Tammy J. Ardolf TAMMY J. ARDOLF